

In the Specifications

Please replace the originally filed paragraphs with the following paragraphs, in accordance with the appropriate paragraph number:

[008] In one preferred embodiment, the invention operates in conjunction with a television messaging system (TMS hereinafter). The TMS is adapted to deliver messages to a subscriber TV via a set-top box. A set-top box is a terminal adapted to receive television transmissions through cable, radio transmission, satellite, data network such as DSL or ISDN, or any other form of transmitting television information. The set-top box decodes the general television transmission, or the messages sent by the TMS, and presents it on the subscriber television. The user responds to a message using a text entry device such as a keyboard or a remote control, coupled to the set-top box. A software text to speech module (TXTS module) in the set top box translates the text to voice. The output of the TXTS may be produced as a data stream or file, or as audible voice. The output of the TTS module is transmitted to a messaging system adapted to provide voice messaging, known hereinafter as a target messaging system, or alternatively as a voice mail system. The transmission may be directly to the target messaging system, or via an intermediate server. While it is preferred to transmit the TTS output as a data file, it may also be ~~transmitted~~ transmitted as a voice by providing a telephone connection to the voice mail system and producing speech in audible form.

[022] The invention also describes a ~~voice-to-text to speech~~ messaging system operating in conjunction with a television messaging system having a television messaging system, the ~~voice-to-text to speech~~ messaging system comprising a server located remotely to a user premises, said server adapted to deliver messaging to a television via a downstream network, and a set top box coupled to the downstream network. A text entry device in communications with said set top box, is provided for text entry by a user. The text entry device is coupled to a ~~speech-to-text~~ speech to speech module adapted to produce output

representative said text in speech format, and a voice delivery module adapted to deliver said output to a target messaging server adapted to receive voice messages is coupled to the text to speech module.